

GROVE CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
GROVE CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Regular Voting Meeting

March 9, 2020

A moment of silence was observed, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Titus Schepp, a third grader at Hillview, prior to the meeting being called to order by the President, Mr. Lee McCracken, at 7:02 p.m. in the Board Room.

The following members were present:

Mrs. Heather Baker  
Mr. Lee McCracken  
Dr. Constance Nichols  
Mr. Ryan Thomas

Mr. Scott Somora  
Mr. Douglas Gerwick  
Ms. Patty Wilson  
Mr. Ray Abplanalp

Dr. Armando Sciuлло was absent.

Others present were: Atty. Evankovich, Dr. Finch, Dr. Weaver, Mrs. Buchanan, Mrs. Harris, and approximately five guests.

An executive session was held on March 2, 2020 following the Work Session regarding two high school student discipline issues. An executive session will be held following this Voting meeting regarding school safety.

EXECUTIVE  
SESSIONS

There was no board recognition.

BOARD  
RECOGNITION

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

ADDITIONS/  
DELETIONS  
TO THE AGENDA

Mrs. Esther Falcetta – Subject of Commentary

- Presented a public complaint related to perceived violations of the Sunshine Act and District policies
- Requested that the Finance Committee review Right-to-Know requests/appeals, records retention and corresponding District policies
- Questioned if budget transfers were going to be voted on at this meeting
- Requested that the Finance Committee review the potential financial impacts of proposed policy 707.1
- Requested that the Finance Committee review transportation costs and revenues related to the Monark transportation contract

PUBLIC  
COMMENTS

Mr. McCracken asked for the approval of the minutes from the February 10, 2020 Voting Meeting and the March 2, 2020 Standing Committees/Work Session Meeting.

VOTING MEETING/  
WORK SESSION  
MINUTES  
APPROVED

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the minutes. Ms. Wilson asked that the Work Session Minutes reflect that she attended the Personnel Committee meeting.

The motion, with Ms. Wilson's change, carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

PRESIDENT'S  
REPORT

**President's Report:**

- There was no President's Report.

SUPER-  
INTENDENT'S  
REPORT

**Superintendent's Report:**

- There was no Superintendent's Report.

SOLICITOR'S  
REPORT

**Solicitor's Report:**

- There was no Solicitor's Report.

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve a non-PIAA Esports program.

ESPORTS  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the following staff conference request:

STAFF  
CONFERENCE  
REQUEST  
APPROVED

- Dr. Joshua Weaver, Beth Harris and Denise Ferguson - Annual PAFPC Conference in Seven Springs, PA on May 3 - 6, 2020 at a District cost of \$3,200.00.

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the Financial Statement for February 2020.

FINANCIAL  
STATEMENT  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Somora to approve the List of Bills Payable for March 2020.

LIST OF BILLS  
PAYABLE  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick*	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

\*Mr. Gerwick voted with exception to all payments to George Junior Republic.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the 2020-21 MIU IV General Operating Budget.

2020-21 MIU IV  
BUDGET  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the service awards purchase at a District cost of \$1,200.00.

SERVICE AWARDS  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the ComDoc Managed Print Services and Maintenance Agreement at a cost of \$425.00 monthly base amount and \$0.00500 per copy.

COMDOC SERVICE  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mr. Gerwick to approve the following resolution for 2019-20:

2019-20 TAX  
RESOLUTION  
APPROVED

WHEREAS, Matthew Fischer, Grove City Borough, Starla Lindey, Liberty Township; Carrie J. Steese, Pine Township; Christi Cratty, Springfield Township; and Mary Kathleen Weber, Wolf Creek Township; Collectors of School Taxes, have requested exoneration for the collection of all unpaid real estate and per capita taxes, and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Fischer, Grove City Borough, Starla Lindey, Liberty Township; Carrie J. Steese, Pine Township; Christi Cratty, Springfield Township; and Mary Kathleen Weber, Wolf Creek Township, Real Estate Tax Collectors for School Taxes have filed unpaid real estate taxes with the Mercer County Courthouse by January 31, 2020, and they are hereby exonerated and released from the collection of all unpaid 2019 real estate taxes.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Matthew Fischer, Starla Lindey, Carrie J. Steese, Christi Cratty, and Mary Kathleen Weber, Per Capita Tax Collectors of School Taxes have filed unpaid per capita taxes with Sharp Collection by January 31, 2020, and they are hereby exonerated and released from the collection of all unpaid 2019 per capita taxes.

PROVIDING, however, that the responsibility of the taxables for the payment of said taxes shall be in no manner affected by this action, it is being for the purpose and intention of the School Board that said taxables shall not be charged against them under the duplicates for said year 2019.

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve the Mercer County Career Center Budget.

MCCC BUDGET  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Ms. Wilson to approve closing student activity bank accounts at Huntington Bank in Grove City.

CLOSING  
HUNTINGTON  
BANK ACCOUNTS  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve opening student activity bank accounts at Mars Bank in Grove City.

OPENING MARS  
BANK ACCOUNTS  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

Mr. McCracken noted that the monthly Right to Know Requests report is included in the agenda packet.

RIGHT TO KNOW  
REQUESTS  
REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve hiring the following. Subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

P. DAVIS HIRED

- Peggy Davis - 5.75 hr. Cafeteria Production Worker (Dept. C - 2) - effective March 10, 2020 - at a salary of \$8.75 hourly

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mr. Somora and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the following substitutes. Subject to the receipt and approval of clearances and District required paperwork:

SUBSTITUTES  
APPROVED

- Jessika White - Emergency Substitute
- Justine Yanosik - Pre-Graduate 20 days
- Damion Reed - Pre-Graduate 20 days
- Annemarie Bossone - RN
- Courtney Plyler - RN
- Peggy Davis - cafeteria

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Mr. Somora to approve John Graham and Suzanne Wolfe as additional 2019-20 bus drivers.

ADDITIONAL BUS  
DRIVERS  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

The Board recognized the resignations/retirements of the following:

RETIREMENTS/  
RESIGNATIONS  
ACCEPTED

- Shannon Merriman - cafeteria worker - effective February 13, 2020
- Mary Nell Seibel - GJR aide - effective October 1, 2020
- Joan Weinel - GJR Aide - effective May 29, 2020
- Curtis Conner - GJR science teacher - effective May 29, 2020
- Amanda Irwin - 5.5 hr PCA - effective March 9, 2020

A motion was made by Mr. Gerwick and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the first reading of the following policies:

FIRST READING  
OF POLICIES 220  
AND 913  
APPROVED

- 220 - Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials (recommended updates from PSBA)
- 913 - Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals (recommended updates from PSBA)
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The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Dr. Nichols and seconded by Mrs. Baker to approve the final reading of the following policy:

- 233 – Suspension and Expulsion (recommended updates from PSBA)

FINAL READING  
OF POLICY 233  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

A motion was made by Mrs. Baker and seconded by Dr. Nichols to approve the ACSHIC Northern Region Trustee Nomination of Gary Shingleton.

ACSHIC  
NOMINATION OF  
G. SHINGLETON  
APPROVED

The motion carried; 8 ayes, 0 nays with the voting as follows:

Mr. Gerwick	aye	Dr. Nichols	aye
Mr. Somora	aye	Mr. Abplanalp	aye
Mr. Thomas	aye	Ms. Wilson	aye
Mrs. Baker	aye	Mr. McCracken	aye

Mrs. Baker – Subject of Commentary

- Participated in Read Across America as a guest reader for the Elementary morning announcements

MOMENT FOR  
MISSIONS

Ms. Wilson – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that Dr. Nichols was featured in the most recent issue of the PSBA magazine

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Thanked Mr. Henshaw and his students for taking the picture for the PSBA magazine article

Mr. Thomas – Subject of Commentary

- Attended the National Honor Society induction and congratulated his sister and the other students that were inducted

Dr. Nichols – Subject of Commentary

- Announced that PSBA Advocacy day in Harrisburg is scheduled for March 23, 2020 and asked that any Board Members interested in attending contact her if they would like to carpool

Future scheduled business meetings:

- Standing Committees/Work Session – Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
- Board Voting Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

There was an executive session held following the voting meeting regarding school safety.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Buchanan/bah". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kim Buchanan  
Board Secretary

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